WAC
BASIC TRAINING BATTALION
TRAINING BRIGADE

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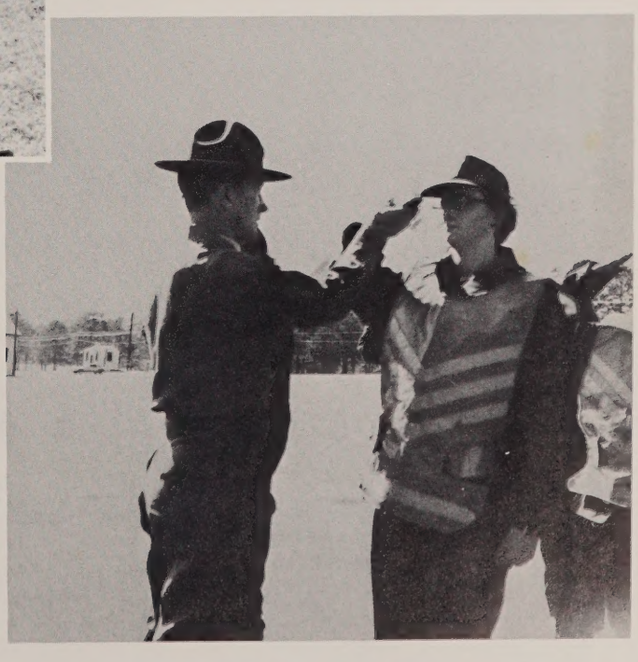


MAJOR GENERAL ELMER R. OCHS
COMMANDING GENERAL

Headquarters, Fort McClellan

TRAINING BRIGADE

RICHARD L. McCORMICK

Colonel Richard L. McCormick entered the Army as a second lieutenant in 1954 from Osceola, Nebraska after having obtained a commission from the University of Nebraska Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

Colonel McCormick's military assignments include Company Commander, 296th Military Police Company, Fort Lewis, Washington; Subsector Advisor, Quang Ngoi, Vietnam; Chief of Evaluations, US Army Military Police School, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Provost Marshal, 3rd Armored Division, Frankfurt, Germany; S-3, 18th Military Police Brigade, Long Binh, Vietnam; Commander, 716th MP Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas; Deputy Commandant for Education and Training, US Army Military Police School, Fort McClellan, Alabama, and most recently Commander, Training Brigade, US Army Military Police School Training Center and Fort McClellan.

His civilian education includes a BS degree in Education from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska (1954), and a Masters degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma (1964).

Colonel McCormick's military education includes completion of the Command and General Staff College and the US Army War College. His awards include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal.

Colonel McCormick is married to the former Jo Ward. They are the parents of two children, James, 20 years of age and Terri, 17 years of age.

HEADQUARTERS

Lieutenant Colonel
William A. Ward
Executive Officer

Headquarters
Bldg 1060

Command Sergeant Major
C.S.M. Jack L. Wright

HISTORY OF THE WOMEN'S ARMY

1942
WAAC formation at Fort Des-Moines, Iowa

1943
Obstacle course at an Army Air Corps base

Arriving at Caserta, Italy

1944
Wacs landing on a Normandy beach

1944
A finance office in New Guinea

1945
Somewhere in England. Leaving billets for work

On 14 May 1942 Congress enacted legislation creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. On 1 July 1943, by a subsequent act of Congress the WAAC became the Women's Army Corps, a component of The Army of the United States. The first Director was Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby.

During the first year of its existence the Women's Army Corps opened five training centers. The first was at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Others were established at Daytona Beach, Fla., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Fort Devens, Mass., and at Camp Ruston, La.

WORLD WAR II

A WAAC contingent arrived at Allied Forces Headquarters in North Africa early in 1943. In November of the same year the 1st WAC Separate Battalion was sent to Caserta, Italy. Other Wacs were sent to England and as far away as Cairo, Egypt. January 1944 marked the arrival of the first Wacs in the Pacific, in New Caledonia and in May 1944 a WAC unit was assigned to Sidney, Australia.

LSTs landed Wacs on the beaches of Normandy in July 1944, just a little more than a month after the invasion of Europe by allied forces. At the same time other members of the Women's Army Corps were assuming duties in the China-Burma-India Theatre of Operations. The women of the corps served where they were needed from Europe to China.

THE POST-WAR YEARS

With the termination of hostilities in 1945 it seemed that women were no longer needed and in August 1945 enlistments in the Women's Army Corps were closed. WAC schools and training centers were closed. However in February 1946 the War Department announced plans to utilize Wacs to meet the critical shortage of skilled personnel. The Army also announced the preparation of legislation to make the Women's Army Corps a permanent part of the Army. By October 1946 the strength of the Corps had dropped from a peak of 99,000 to approximately 11,000 women.

REGULAR ARMY STATUS

On 12 June 1948 President Truman signed into law the Women's Armed Services Integration Act. In July of that year the first Wacs enlisted in the Regular Army and in December of the same year the first WAC officers were appointed in the Regular Army. Enlistments to civilians were reopened and in September 1948 the WAC training center at Camp Lee was opened. With the beginning of the Korean War women were again needed in great numbers. Many of those who had served in World War II responded to the call. New WAC detachments were established and those already in existence were doubled in size as women assumed duties in Okinawa and Japan in support of the Eighth US Army in Korea.

In 1950 the Army initiated action to establish a permanent center for the Women's Army Corps. Fort McClellan

CORPS

was selected and by August of 1954 all training activities had been moved from Fort Lee, Virginia. In September of that year the Center was formally dedicated as the home of the Women's Army Corps by General Matthew B. Ridgway, then Army Chief of Staff.

VIETNAM

The first WAC officer was assigned to Vietnam as early as 1962. Two WAC advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Women's Armed Service Corps arrived in Saigon in 1965. A WAC detachment was established at Long Binh in 1966 to support Headquarters, US Army Vietnam in accomplishing its mission.

THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS TODAY

In August 1972 the Secretary of the Army announced plans for the expansion of the Women's Army Corps. This expansion is based on the Army's need to meet the all volunteer goal. By the end of 1978 the WAC enlisted strength is expected to expand to about 50,000. Along with this expansion, important policy changes have been put into effect to fulfill the Army's desire to grant equal opportunities to all its members. Women may now serve in over 400 Military Occupational Specialities. The only duties closed to women are the combat related ones or those requiring physical strength beyond the capability of women. Previously, Wacs could only be sent overseas after completing one year of active duty. They are now eligible for overseas duty after completion of Advanced Individual Training or only 16 weeks of active duty. Women now serve as military police, may drive heavy vehicles and may work in mess halls that serve only men. One of the most significant changes occurred in December 1972 when the Secretary of the Army approved a change in regulations whereby women would be permitted to command men. Another important policy change concerns the integration of housing. Under this policy, women may be housed under the same roof as men with due regard for privacy and the existence of separate entrances. In keeping with the integrated Army policy, women who are assigned to military units perform their duties as members of the entire unit and they are proving themselves admirably. The Women's Army Corps has come a long way from being an "Auxiliary". It's members are serving with pride and dignity along with their fellow soldiers.

Early fifties at Fort Lee, Virginia

FORT McCLELLAN

WAC barracks under construction

Mid fifties. Guidon ceremony at Fort McClellan

During the Spanish-American War the Army found that the Choccolocco Mountains would be an ideal background for artillery firing ranges. In 1917 the post was established by the War Department and named after Major General George B. McClellan. The famed 29th Infantry Division (the Blue and Gray) trained at Camp McClellan prior to departing for France in World War I. Fort McClellan was designated a permanent post in July, 1929 and construction proceeded during the thirties under the government's public relief program. The investment paid off in 1941. On the day the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor the 27th Infantry Division was in training and had its overseas orders 12 days later. Almost half a million men trained at Fort McClellan during World War II. The post was also the site of a POW camp for German and Italian prisoners who had been captured in Europe.

The post was placed on inactive status in 1947. Three years later training facilities were rehabilitated and in 1951 Fort McClellan became the home of the Army Chemical Corps. During the Vietnam era the post administered advanced training for infantrymen.

In 1954 Fort McClellan became the permanent home of the Women's Army Corps. Since that time thousands of young women have received their basic training at Fort McClellan. The WAC Center also conducts Officer Orientation Course for newly commissioned officers as well as OCS for enlisted women who are candidates for commissions.

Today's Wacs serve in many interesting jobs

U.S. ARMY
U.S. ARMY

They are members of a demanding profession. They take young women from every part of the nation, from large cities and small towns, and teach them to be members of a team. They teach the basics of military life. They guide and they counsel. By personal example they impart a spirit of duty and dignity which is essential to members of today's Army. The close relationship between trainer and trainee produces self-confidence and pride which is so evident in the graduating companies as they pass in reveiw on graduation day.

As their former trainees depart for new assignments these professionals prepare to meet their new platoons and the process begins once again. They are in a demanding profession. They are Drill Sergeants.

SCENES

GALLOWAY
GATE
OPEN

SAFETY REGULATIONS
TAKE ALL COMMANDS FROM
TOWER OPERATOR
COMMAND
LOAD ONLY ON COMMAND
COMMENCE FIRING ONLY ON
COMMAND
EXERCISE.
MOVE DOWN RANGE ONLY ON COMMAND
CEASE FIRE MAY BE GIVEN BY ANYONE

CAMOUFLAGE
WHEN MOVING

MOVING TO TRAINING

ORIENTATION TO AVIATION

DAY MARCH

DRILL AND CEREMONIES

M 60 MACHINE GUN RANGE

PHYSICAL TRAINING

M-16 QUALIFICATION

FOR GOD . . .

. . . AND COUNTRY

4TH ARMY BAND

RECEPTION STATION

INSPECTION

CLOTHING ISSUE

MANUAL OF ARMS

CLASSES

Squad . . . Platoon Company DRILL

—Precision
—Posture
—Confidence
—Military Ceremonies
—Reviews
—Parades
—Company Mass Formations

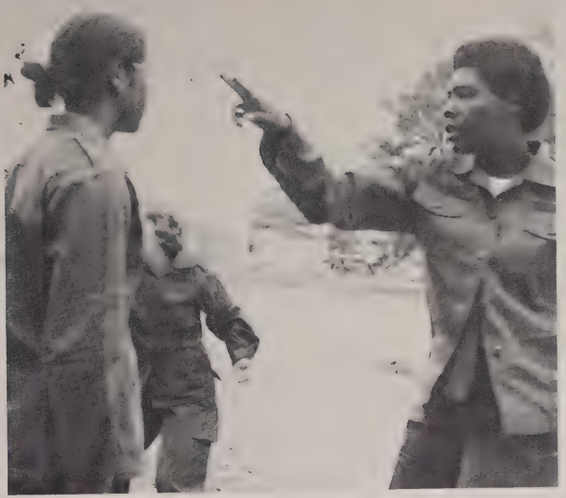
PHYSICAL TRAINING

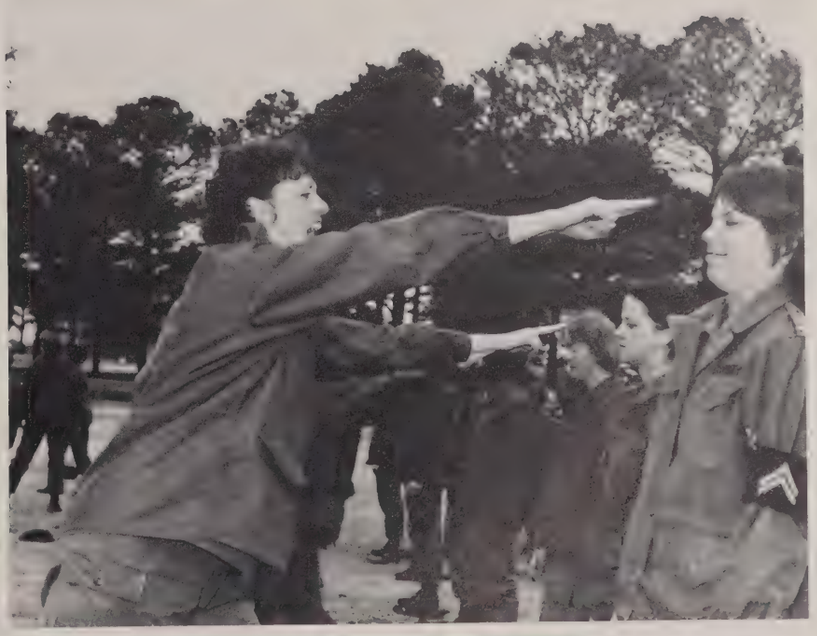
"TO DEVELOP STRENGTH AGILITY, ENDURANCE AND COORDINATION"

FIRST AID

Common medical — treatment of patients — transportation of sick and wounded

HANDGRENADES



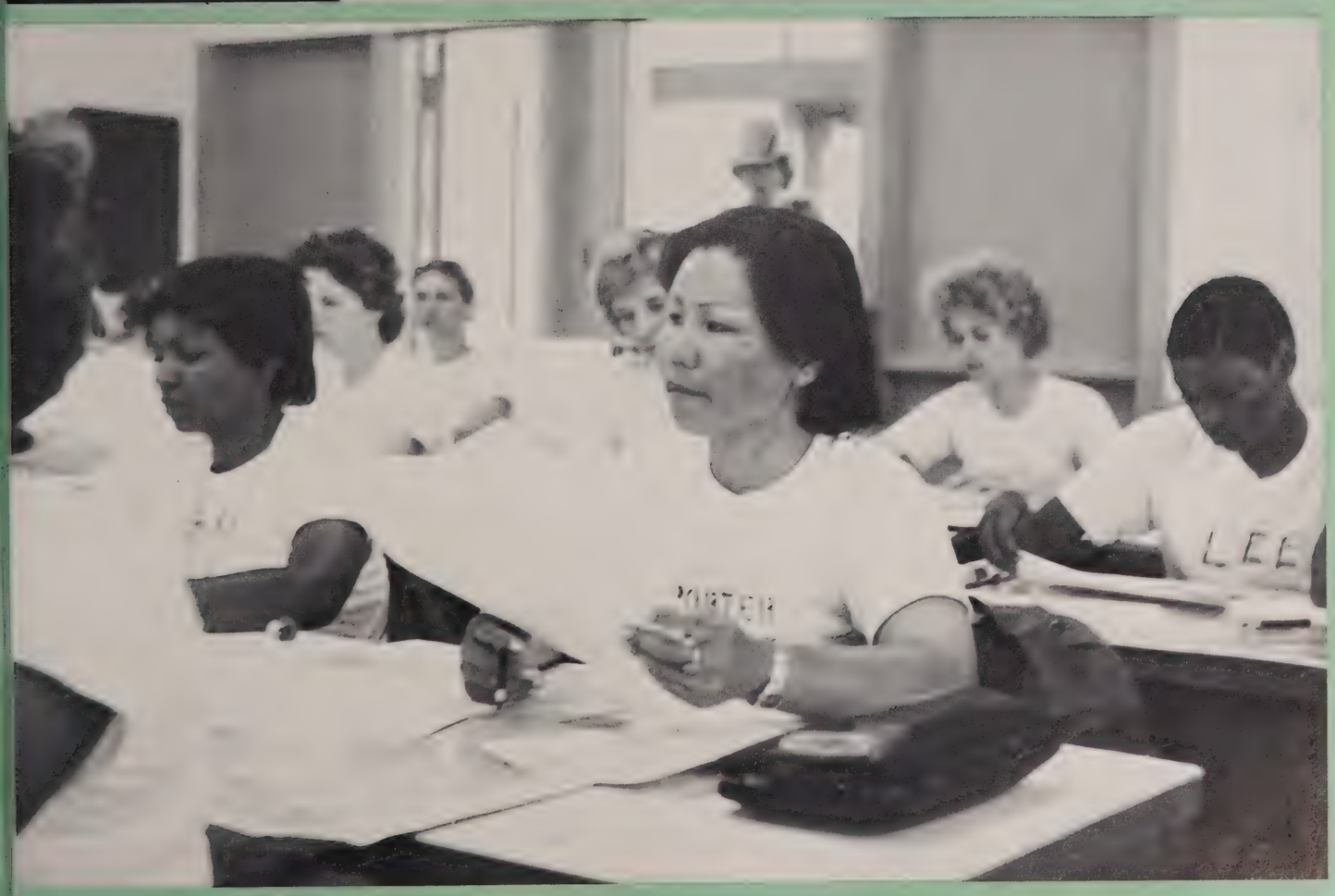


SHOTS AND SELF DEFENSE

STATION 1

GAS CHAMBER

TERRAIN ASSOCIATION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THE M-16 RIFLE

This is a Mandatory Program for WAC Trainees

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FIELD TRAINING

OBSTACLE COURSE

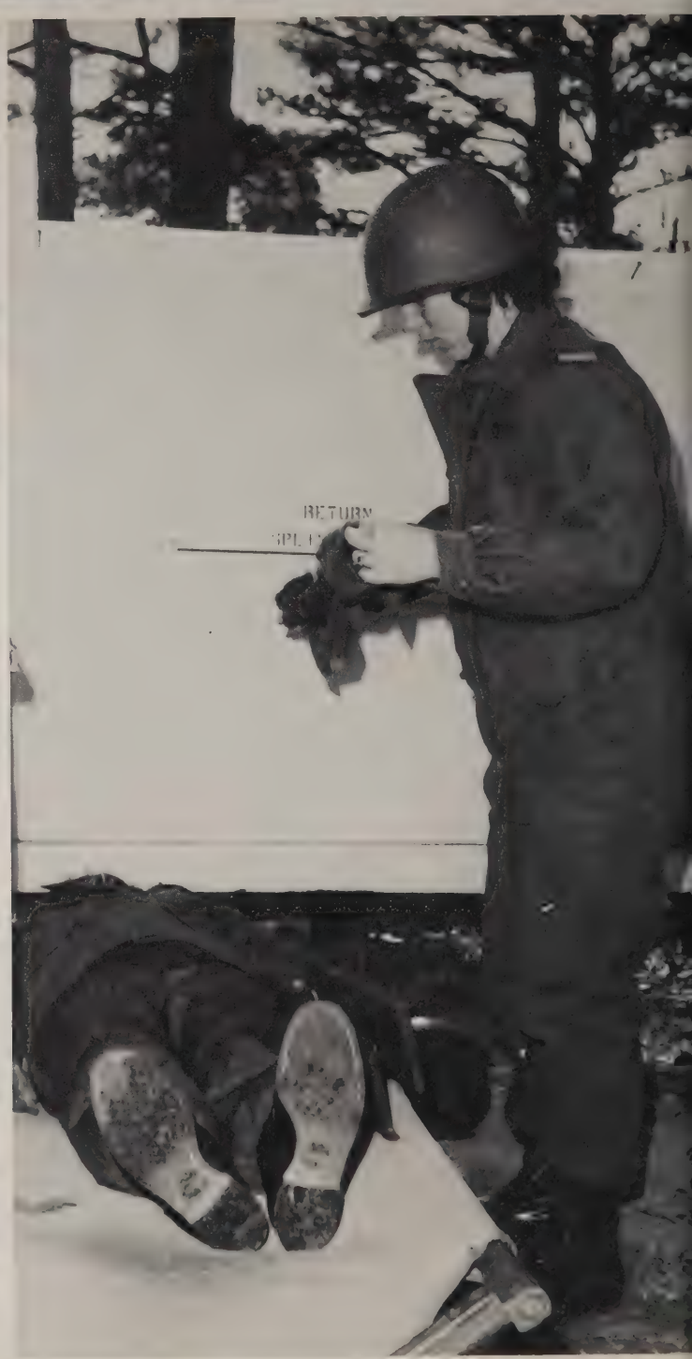
"BEHOLD
THE LAMB OF GOD"

LET US GO UNTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

MILE RUN

FREE TIME

TESTING



THE FINAL EVALUATION

GRADUATION DAY

Pallas Athene

The Women's Army Corps insignia is patterned after Pallas Athene, the Greek goddess, a deity of resolute courage guided and enlightened by reason. Mythology relates that Athene sprang fully clothed and armed with spear from the head of her father, Zeus, the most powerful of Gods. Her mother was Metis, the wisest of the Goddesses. In a childhood accident, she accidentally killed her friend, "Pallas," and in sorrow adopted the full name of Pallas Athene. She was known for her intelligence and many interests in arts and crafts. She is noted for her creative efforts in the invention of the first horse driven carriage, ship building, and for her love of animals. She was the goddess of war, a combination of power and wisdom, maintaining law and order and presiding over the useful and ornamental arts.

1st WAC BASIC TRAINING BATTALION

Colonel
MYRNA WILLIAMSON
Battalion Commander

Major
MARGARET KIRCHMAIER
Executive Officer

1st Lieutenant
DIANE C. FRANZEN
Operations Officer

CSM
DAVID ARNETT
Command Sergeant Major

MSG
LORETTA PHOENIX
Operations NCO

COMPANY B

Commenced Training:
7 October 1977

Completed Training:
22 November 1977

CPT Gayle Fix
Company Commander

1LT Susan Sensel
Training Officer

2LT Winters Cooper
Training Officer

SFC Edward Simmons
Senior Drill Sergeant

SFC Carol Allanson
Drill Sergeant

SGT Kathleen Niedzielski
Drill Sergeant

SGT Dannie D. Snyder
Drill Sergeant

SSG Dorothy M. Barry
Drill Sergeant

SSG Barbara Yates
Drill Sergeant

SSG Joseph J. Miller

Drill Sergeant

SSG Emily F. Myles

Drill Sergeant

1st PLATOON

Acuff, Linda
Amos, Carol
Atkins, Eva

Blaylock, Debbie
Bondie, Darlene
Bonham, Linda
Collins, Elizabeth
Cowley, Jennifer

Dubois, Patti
Dunn, Paula
Fagerness, Rose
Faimon, Cheryl
Gallant, Donna

Grant, Deborah
Gullickson, Terry
Hawkins, Angela
Hinton. Linda
Hunt, Shirley

Jenneke, Jacalyn
Juarez, Lourdes
Kaunert, Karen
Kelley, Donna
Kirkeide, Ann

May, Katherine
Seebeck, Ramona
Simmons, Gloria
Skraucevs, Ieva
Snyder, Cathy

2nd PLATOON

Tanner, Deborah
Thompson, Karen
Voss, Tonnie
Wallace, Bobbie

Aeschliman, Robin
Allen, Victoria
Blanchard, Melinda
Bradshaw, Callie
Buntyn, Elizabeth

Burns, Shirley
Carter, Penny
Hendricks, Beverly
Henning, Janet
Hepker, Linda

Houston, Michelle
Infiesto, Bernardita
Johnson, Cheryl
Keldermans, Annamaria
Krusicki, Cynthia

Little, Susan
Lockmon, Dana
Maki, Jane
Melton, Martha
Miller, Vicki

Moore, Loretta
Morelli, Alice
Neimes, Susan
Phillips, Debra
Puckett, Wendy

Rehling, Mary
Reynolds, Naomi
Richter, Jennifer
Sandifer, Annie
Schibler, Bonnie

Scott, Lawanda
Smith, Carolyn
Strickel, Joyce
Strong, Katherine
Taylor, Brenda

Tout, Teri
Voth, Laurie
Wagner, Amy
Warren, Patricia

3rd PLAT OON

Auton, Gidget
Byrd, Shelia
Castro, Rosario
Clemons, Randi
Craddieth, Gemere

Culbertson, Keely
Dowling, Mary
Fisher, Alesia
Floyd, Jeanett
Fuller, Leslie

Garcia, Belinda
Garrison, Caroline
Hart, Melody
Hogue, Cathy
Hudson, Betty

Johnson, Eleasure
Kjos, Clarice
Lee, Elnora
Lewis, Shirley
Mackey, Deborah

Masse, Gail
Mays, Sandra
McAlpin, Bobbie
Morin, Denise
Morris, Jo

North, Roxann

Parks, Ruby

Parsons, Brenda

Patton, Simone

Petroski, Theresa

Rappley, Sally

Schroeder, Sandra

Schuberg, Mary

Seely, Linda

Staples, Christine

Stifter, Helen

Stoegbauer, Jeanne

Tippett, Lela

Valdez, Anna

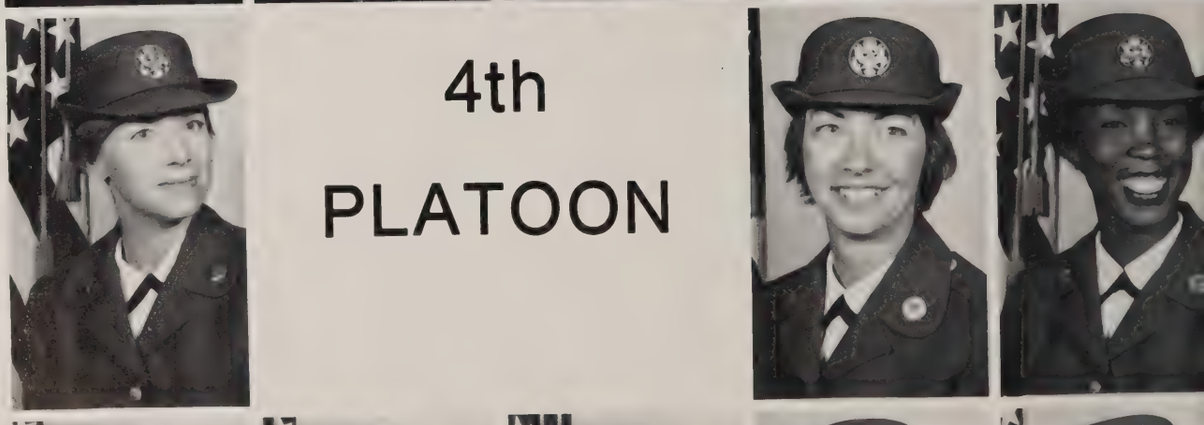
Vargo, Maureen

4th PLATOON

Voigt, J.

Coe, Suzanne

Cooper, Barbara



Cozad, Michelle

Cross, V.

Davis, Renita

Donais, Cynthia

Dunn, Darlene

Elias, Terresa
Erickson, Christine
Forsell, Connie
Fortney, Alice
Glander, Sharon

Goins, Mary
Hebb, Camela
Jarrell, Alice
Maske, Winifred
Meredith, Jean

Miles, Ladorn
Perkins, Kathryn
Plemmons, Virginia
Puckett, Kim
Puryear, Shirley

Robin, E.
Saunders, Judith
Smith, Joy
Smith, Katherine
Smith, Sharon

Suga, Valorie
Tuttle, Donna
Veiman, Lynn
Wellmaker, Becky
Wheeler, Joni

5th PLATOON

Wilson, Mary
Wilson, Joyce
Young, Naomi
Winifred, Jerry

Alejandro, Miriam
Boozer, Zola
Breidert, Lori
Brochu, Maryann
Brown, Patti

Bryant, Robbin
Burkardt, Elizabeth
Butcher, Bonnie
Byrne, Christine
Clancy, Miriam

Cole, Nora
Eason, Presandra
Frampton, Carol
Gaulke, Brenda
Gogolski, Jean

Harrar, Katherine
James, Donna
Labowicz, Mary
Lewis, Kathy
Morin, Linda

Norman, Michelle

Ost, Tammie

Probst, Cathleen

Shew, Roberta

Spencer, Robin

Stender, Deborah

Strickrodt, Suzanne

Tarr, Sandra

Wade, Victoria

Wareham, Rebecca

Williamson, Mary

York, Katherine

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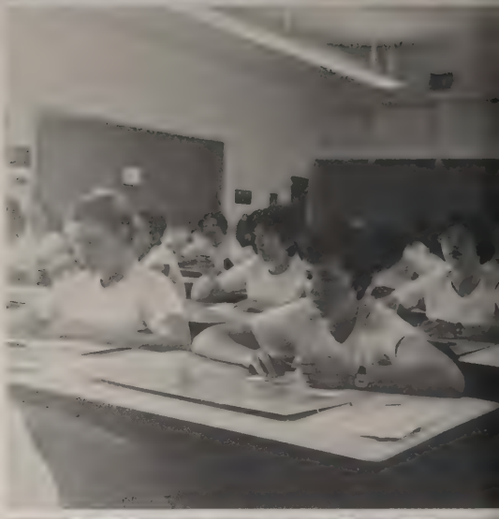
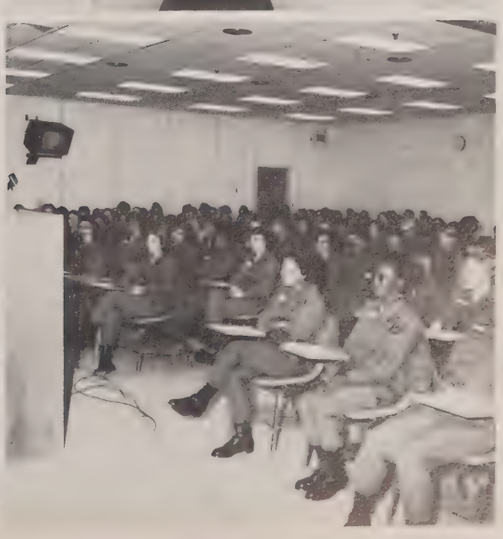
First Platoon
Elofson, Patsy
Lien, Kim
Marshall, Vinnie
Metz, Theresa
Meyer, B.
Oakley, Sharon
O'Brien, Kathleen
Rice, Pamela
Smith, Elaine
Tate, Penny

Second Platoon
Phillips, Ramona
Romero, Gloria

Fourth Platoon
Badger, Dee
Burden, M.
Coe, Margaret
Jerry, Winifred
Morris, Mary
Ross, Cassandra
Thomas, June

Fifth Platoon
Graves, Joy
Hackney, Adraine
Joens, Doris
Johnson, Hobsy
Jordan, Serita
McFadden, Muriel
Preston, Rose
Schwab, Sheri

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